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Fees Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818)

Fee TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

<u>Application Type</u>	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>					
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	\$
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	\$
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	\$
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	\$
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	100	\$

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity	
Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee(\$) Fee Paid (\$) Multiple Dependent Claims

- 20 or HP = x = Fee(\$) Fee(\$)

Fee(\$)

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 20

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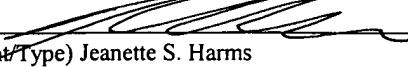
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification - \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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